

MINUTES

UTAH EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING BOARD OF NURSING

August 24, 2007

**Room 474 – 4th Floor –7:15 A.M.
Heber Wells Building
Salt Lake City, UT 84111**

CONVENED: 7:22 a.m.

ADJOURNED: 8:45 a.m.

Bureau Manager:
Secretary:

Laura Poe
Shirlene Kimball

Conducting:

Diane Forster-Burke

Board Members Present:

Helen Zsohar
Peggy Brown
Diane Forster-Burke
Pam Rice

Board Members Excused:

Mary Williams

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

August 3, 2007 Minutes:

DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The minutes were approved as written. All Committee members in favor.

NEW BUSINESS:

Stevens Henager College – Site Visit Report:

Ms. Poe, Ms. Forster-Burke and Dr. Williams reported on the August 14, 2007 site visit to Stevens Henager College – Ogden Campus. Site visitors indicated there are numerous areas of concern. These areas of concern are: an inadequate lab (no sinks, limited supplies); a faculty member who was prepared at the BSN level and does not qualify to teach in the RN program; and a curriculum that is not fully developed.

The program is pushing for a start date of August 20, 2007 instead of August 27, 2007. Committee members stated the program is not ready to start. The lab is unfinished, the curriculum is not fully developed, and appropriately prepared faculty members have not been hired.

Ms. Poe reported a compromise was worked out to allow the LPN students to begin the 2nd year program if the lab is completed and a MSN or nursing doctorate faculty member is hired. Committee members stated the earliest date the first year cohort could begin would be four weeks from the August 20, 2007 date if the following conditions are met and are appropriate: submit updated curricular reports weekly; finish the lab and have the supplies in place; and hire appropriate faculty members. A second site visit will also need to be scheduled. The program must be given approval to start the students.

Utah Career College, Denza Bruss:

Ms. Bruss reported she was hired August 8, 2007 as the new nursing director for Utah Career College. She indicated Ms. Fulkerson continues as the nursing program director. Committee members asked Ms. Bruss to explain the difference between the director of nursing and program director. Ms. Bruss indicated the nursing director has the responsibility for the program. The nursing director will have control of the budget and will hire faculty members. The nursing program director deals with the day to day issues. Ms. Bruss stated she feels her biggest challenges will be in making the curriculum stronger, to clearly identify the curricular threads and hire appropriate faculty members with experience. She expressed concern that the school allows a student to take a class three times to pass the course. Ms. Bruss stated she questioned this policy along with the admission criteria.

Ms. Bruss indicated she has read the Board's letter of concern, but has not had enough time to research the issues and prepare a response. Committee members indicated they would like to meet with Ms. Bruss in October to see how the program is progressing. Ms. Bruss was requested to submit a progress report prior to the October meeting.

Western Governors University,
Marion Anema, Ph.D. RN
Becky Richards, MSN:

Dr. Marion Anema and Becky Richards met with Committee members to explain the mission of Western Governors University and to clarify the status of the Masters of Nursing Degree program. Dr. Anema stated the MSN program began April 2007. A BSN degree program is being planned, but has not

been implemented at this time. Western Governors University has developed, along with health provider partners, a proposal for a pre-licensure/generic BSN program. Dr. Anema reported the university is seeking funding to study this project; however, funding would not be available until 2008. Once funding has been received, the study would take approximately 18 months.

Dr. Anema stated the vision for the BSN program is a multistate approach and they are looking at Texas, California, Florida, Tennessee, Maryland and Utah. Dr. Anema indicated WGU is willing to meet the requirements of each individual state Board that accepts their program. Dr. Anema indicated students would be admitted as any other students and the program itself is a competency-based online university. She indicated faculty members would be employees of the University and the student/faculty ratio would meet state board requirements. There would be mentors and faculty members on site to provide clinical supervision. The program would enter a partnership with the health care system for clinicals. Dr. Zsohar questioned if there would be a mentor assigned to the course or to the student. Dr. Anema stated they have communities, where a mentor is attached to certain number of students. The student is enrolled in the course and the mentor is attached to the community.

Ms. Richards indicated her role with WGU is the program coordinator. She stated her primary responsibility is to manage and coordinate program development. She indicated her department writes and reviews items and mechanisms used for assessments. Ms. Richards indicated she acts as consultant with Utah Career College on a very limited basis.

Ms. Poe thanked Dr. Anema and Ms. Richards for meeting with the Committee to explain their program. Ms. Poe explained the application process and indicated the Board is in the process of writing rules that will provide more detail relative to clinicals, faculty member requirements, pass rates etc.

business conducted in this meeting. Discussed items are not necessarily shown in the chronological order they occurred.

September 28, 2007
Date Approved

(ss) Diane Forster-Burke
Diane Forster-Burke, Chair Education Committee - Board of
Nursing

September 28, 2007
Date Approved

(ss) Laura Poe
Laura Poe, Bureau Manager, Division of Occupational &
Professional Licensing